

REMARKS

Claims 80-132 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Kam for indicating that Claims 54, 56-58, 60-62, 64-71, 74 and 78 are allowable. In the amendment submitted above, the subject matter of those claims has been re-written in independent form. The rejected claims identified in paragraph 6 of the Official Action dated April 6, 2004 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as set forth in that paragraph is believed to be moot.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

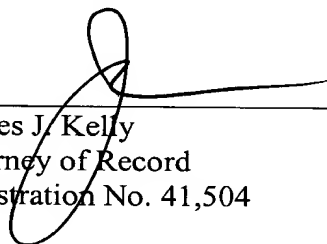
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